

BOT Public Session Minutes, May 2, 2024

Whittaker, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Pottinger, Mr. Lejnieks, Mr. Hernandez; Mr. Salerno; No – None; Abstention – None; Absent – None). The motion passed.

Mr. Visconti requested a motion to move to executive session. The motion was made by Mr. Salerno and seconded by Mr. Lejnieks. (Yes – Mr. Visconti, Dr. Chang, Dr. Whittaker, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Pottinger, Mr. Lejnieks, Mr. Hernandez; Mr. Salerno; No – None; Abstention – None; Absent – none). The motion passed.

Chair Visconti welcomed recently appointed Board of Trustee member Ralph Salerno.

Interim President Acebo began by stating that NJCU is in far stronger shape than it was this time last year - and that is a consequence of, and the result of, the dedicated stewardship of stakeholders on campus, students that have been engaged and honored, as well as due to the commitment of board service and collaborative stewardship that has met the Institution's mission.

President Acebo explained that NJCU recently unveiled a refreshed mission for the Institution. The

The Chair called for a motion to pass the following resolutions by unanimous consent:

Resolution Ratifying Academic Department Merger and Renaming
Resolution Authorizing Certificate in Behavioral Management
Resolution Authorizing Conferral of Degrees
Resolution Ratifying Conferral of Honorary Degree
Resolution Awarding Professor Emeritus Designations

The motion was made by Mr. Salerno and seconded by Mr. Whittaker. (Yes – Mr. Visconti, Dr. Chang, Dr. Whittaker, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Pottinger, Mr. Hernandez; Mr. Salerno; No – None; Abstention – None; Absent – none). The motion passed.

The Chair called for a motion to pass the last resolutions:

Resolution Reauthorizing the West Campus Housing LLC Budget (2023)
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Resolution Authorizing the Red Bull Arena Commencement Contract

The motion was made by Mr. Whittaker and seconded by Mr. Salerno (Yes – Mr. Visconti, Dr. Chang, Dr. Whittaker, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Pottinger, Mr. Hernandez; Mr. Salerno; No – None; Abstention – None; Absent – none). The motion passed.

1. Dr. Joe Moscowitz

Mr. Moscowitz stated there is trust in the administration and applauded having student and faculty representation. He also stated that he hopes for other opportunities to speak with the State Monitor directly.

Also, Mr. Moscowitz read into the record a statement by Dr. Bill Calathes, incoming local union president, stating his concern over a merger and how that will impact students and the University. He also stated that certain real estate transactions have left the institution financially distressed.

3. Dr. Barbara Hildner

Dr. Hildner welcomed the newest board member and expressed thankfulness over Chair Visconti's leadership.

Dr. Hildner traced the early beginnings of the University in the days of the Depression and how it survived and opened a nursing program. Over time, the population grew, and the school became a valued University. She further stated that NJCU is recovering and will continue to recover, and hopes it remains independent.

She addressed the Union's consultant, that addressed the State Monitor's report, and suggested the consultant's response be explored and addressed.

The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2024. The Board moved to reconvene on June 24, 2024 in executive session first in accordance with New Jersey law.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15PM.